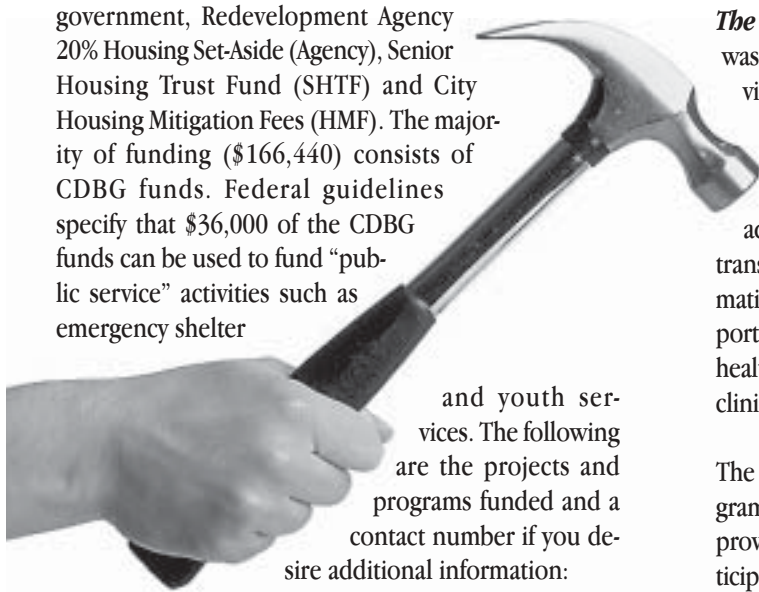


# CITY Visions

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## Nonprofit Groups Receive Vital Funds

**THE CITY** has allocated nearly \$250,000 in Grant funds to nonprofit agencies providing a variety of social services to Morgan Hill residents for the upcoming fiscal year. The funding sources are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the federal government, Redevelopment Agency 20% Housing Set-Aside (Agency), Senior Housing Trust Fund (SHTF) and City Housing Mitigation Fees (HMF). The majority of funding (\$166,440) consists of CDBG funds. Federal guidelines specify that \$36,000 of the CDBG funds can be used to fund "public service" activities such as emergency shelter



and youth services. The following are the projects and programs funded and a contact number if you desire additional information:

**The Ombudsman Program** was allocated \$2,415 in SHTF funds for provision of advocacy and investigation services for residents of nursing homes and residential care facilities located in Morgan Hill. As mediators and patient representatives, the Ombudsmen investigate and resolve complaints made by or on behalf of elderly residents of long-term care facilities. 944-0567

**The Shared Housing Program at Depot Commons** was allocated \$15,000 in Agency funds for the provision of support services such as case management, on-site day care, individual care plan goals, career and personal counseling, life-skills education, etc. to the residents at Depot Commons. 325-5211

**The Day Break Respite and Caregiver Support Program** was allocated \$8,600 in SHTF funds for providing a continuum of care for at-risk dependent seniors and their family caregivers. The services include in-home respite, and adult day support program, escorted transportation, case management, information and referral services, caregiver support groups, community health education, health screenings, home chore assistance, and clinical support services. 270-4900.

The El Toro Youth Center/Friday Night Jams Program was allocated \$15,500 in CDBG funds for the provision of tutoring, leadership-building skills, participatory recreation, and health, mental health and substance abuse education for school-aged children. Friday Night Jams (FNJ) provides "at-risk" youth a positive alter-

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### Youth+You: Make The Connection

**COMMUNITY VALUES YOUTH:  
YOUNG PEOPLE PERCEIVE THAT ADULTS IN THE  
COMMUNITY VALUE YOUTH.**

THERE ARE COUNTLESS WAYS TO RECOGNIZE OUR YOUTH. GETTING TO KNOW YOUR YOUNG NEIGHBORS, ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILDREN TO GET INVOLVED IN CIVIC AFFAIRS, AND VOLUNTEERING AT EVENTS LIKE ART ALA CARTE ARE ALL GREAT WAYS TO MAKE OUR YOUTH FEEL VALUED.

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native to gangs, drugs, alcohol, frustration and simple boredom. FNJ services also incorporate a variety of "survival" skills training, such as social skills development, leadership development, and personal skills development through a series of speakers and workshops. 779-6002

***The La Isla Pacific Shelter for Battered Woman and Their Children*** was allocated \$16,000 in Agency funds for providing a 24-hour crisis intervention, counseling and support, legal advocacy and emergency assistance to women and children of domestic violence. 846-4763

***The Shelter and Services Program*** was allocated \$15,000 in HMF funds for the provision of shelter and supportive services to homeless residents of Morgan Hill to enable them to progress from homelessness to stable housing and self-sufficiency. 539-2131

***The Youth Outreach Program*** was allocated \$5,880 in CDBG funds for the provisions of a "safe haven" for teens. The services provided include free games such as billiards, table soccer, video games, internet use, snack bar, camping trips, concerts, tutoring, internet access and home-work area. 782-5111

***The Adult Day Care Program*** was allocated \$3,990 in CDBG funds. This Program provides a specialized program of age-appropriate activities and care designed to serve the needs of the frail elderly and disabled senior adult population and to effectively prevent or delay their placement in a full-care facility. The companion goal of this program is to provide respite and support to the care givers of the program's clients which will enable them to continue in their difficult role of sustaining their dependent senior relatives. 847-5491

***The Tenant-Landlord Dispute Resolution Program*** was allocated \$25,000 in Agency funds. This Program provides landlord-tenant information, referral, counseling, education, dispute resolution services and mortgage default delinquency counseling to residents of Morgan Hill. 842-7740

***The Operation Brown Bag Program*** was allocated \$3,465 in SHTF funds for the provision of a weekly bag of food, workshops and activities in nutrition and health, consumer education and preservation to low-income seniors, age 60 or over. The Food Bank also distributes surplus and nonmarketable food to nonprofit agencies that provide meals or food boxes to low-income families and individuals in Morgan Hill. 266-8866

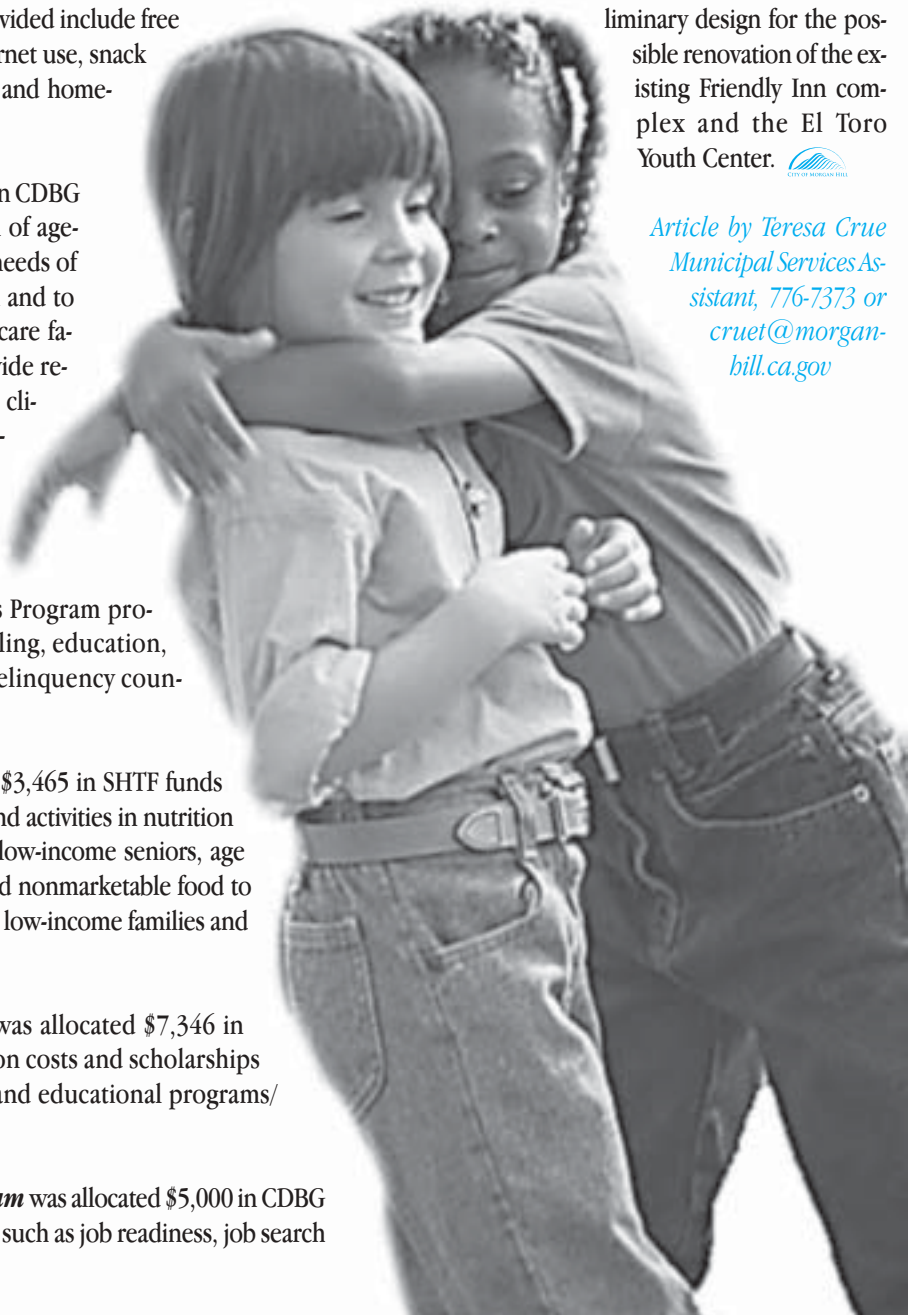
***The Aquatics Youth Center Outreach Program*** was allocated \$7,346 in CDBG funds for the provision of public transportation costs and scholarships to income-eligible youth for City-wide recreational and educational programs/services. 782-0008

***The South Valley Day Worker Service Center Program*** was allocated \$5,000 in CDBG funds for the provision of employment-related services such as job readiness, job search

and placement, job retention, English as a second language classes and information referrals to other social service program to day laborers working in the agricultural, landscaping and construction business. 779-3959

The City of Morgan Hill allocated \$50,000 of nonpublic services CDBG funds for the ***Galvan Park Improvements Project*** which will replace the existing handball court, baseball backstop, and landscape beautification. In addition, the City has allocated \$63,724 of nonpublic services CDBG funds for the El Toro/Friendly Inn Renovation Project which is for a Masterplan to develop the programming and preliminary design for the possible renovation of the existing Friendly Inn complex and the El Toro Youth Center. 

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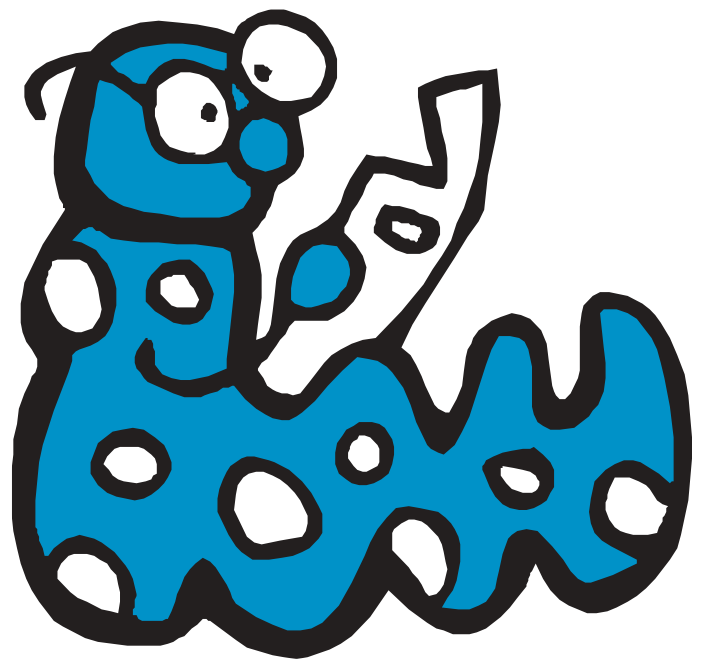




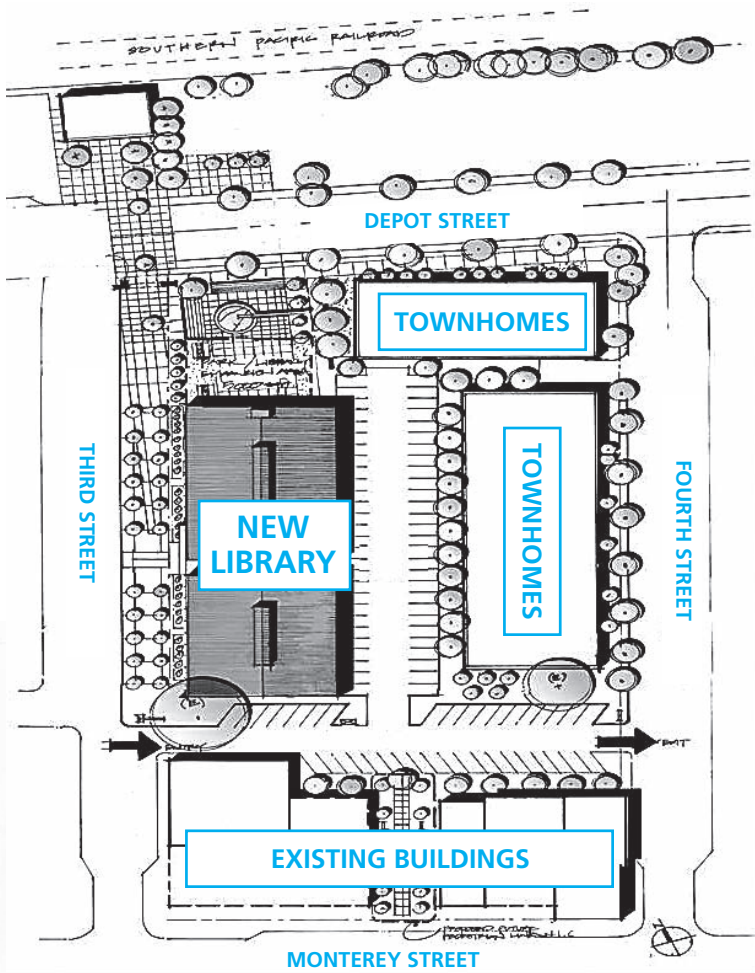
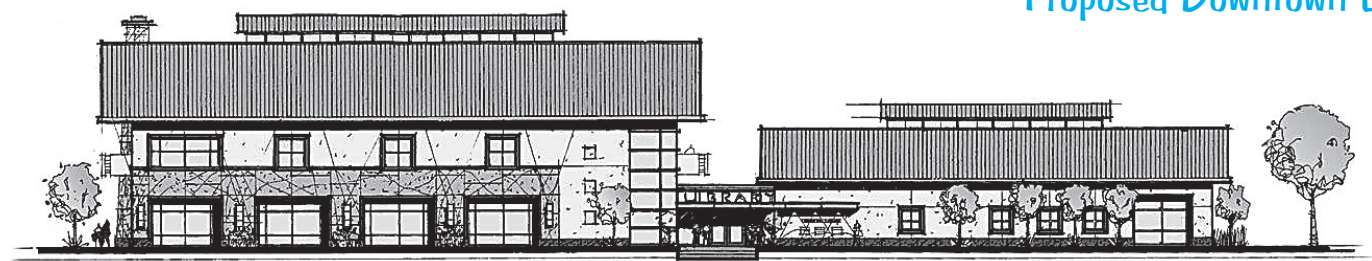
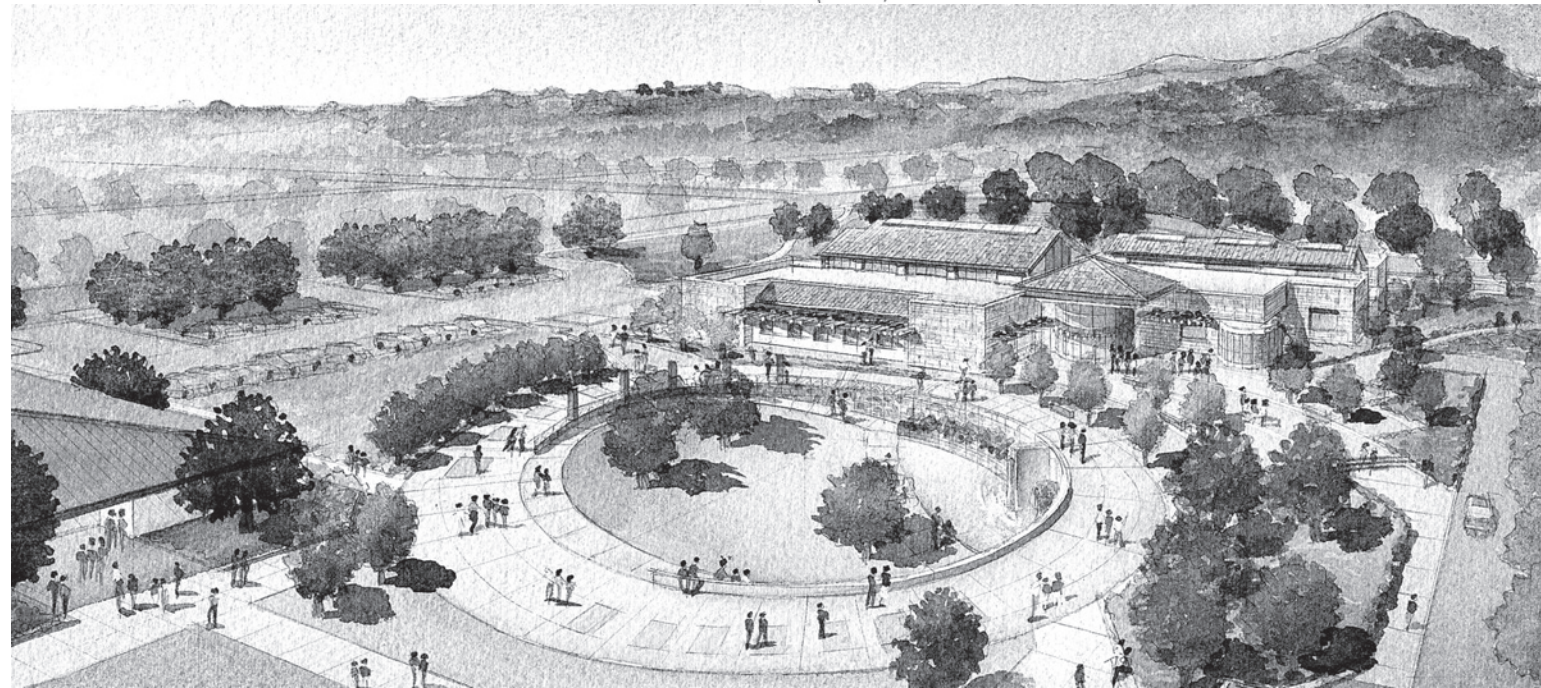
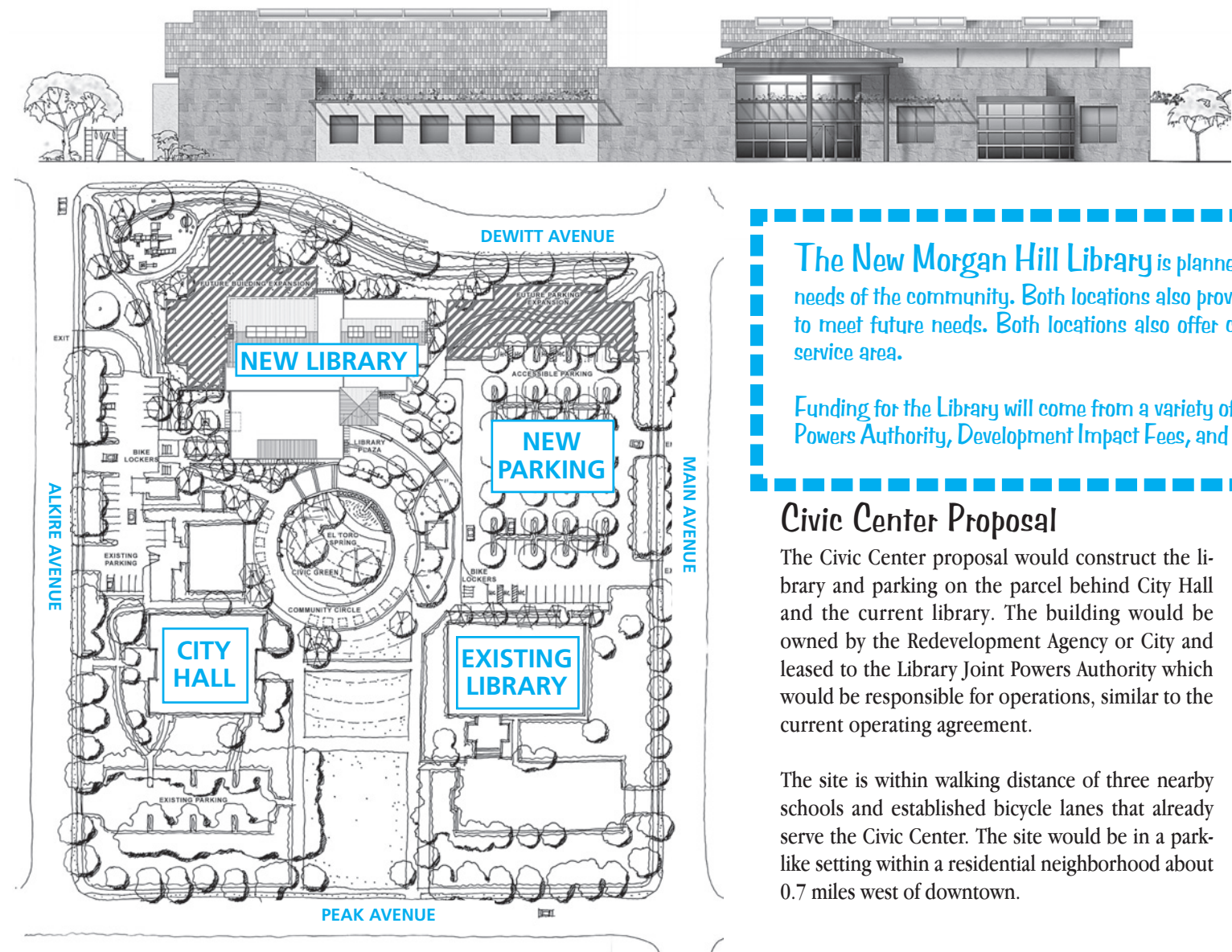
Originally built in 1973, the existing Morgan Hill Library is woefully inadequate to meet the needs of the greater Morgan Hill Community today.

The City is currently evaluating where a new library should be sited and how it should be financed. The two sites under consideration are the "Civic Center Site" directly to the west of City Hall, and the "Sunsweet Site" in Downtown between 3rd and 4th Streets.

Look inside for more details on each of these proposals and then let us know what you think by filling out and returning the "Your Opinion Matters" form on page 6.







The New Morgan Hill Library is planned to be a 28,000 square foot facility that would meet the identified needs of the community. Both locations also provide room for the future expansions of the building that will be needed to meet future needs. Both locations also offer convenient bus access from anywhere within the Library's extensive service area.

Funding for the Library will come from a variety of sources including the Redevelopment Agency, County Library Joint Powers Authority, Development Impact Fees, and other sources. Financial details for each proposal are being developed.

Civic Center Proposal

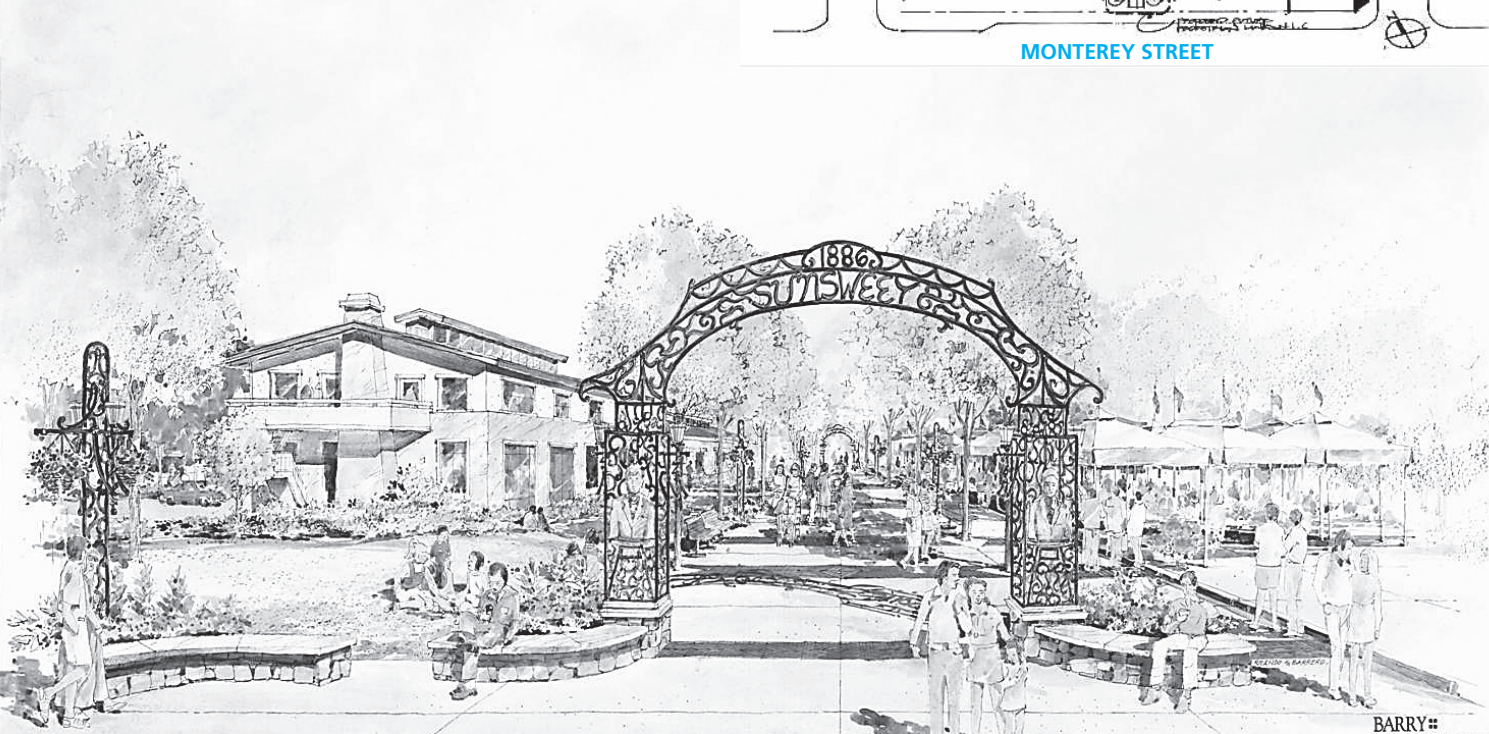
The Civic Center proposal would construct the library and parking on the parcel behind City Hall and the current library. The building would be owned by the Redevelopment Agency or City and leased to the Library Joint Powers Authority which would be responsible for operations, similar to the current operating agreement.

The site is within walking distance of three nearby schools and established bicycle lanes that already serve the Civic Center. The site would be in a park-like setting within a residential neighborhood about 0.7 miles west of downtown.

Downtown Proposal

The Downtown proposal would construct the library and parking on the former Sunsweet Property at Depot Street between 3rd and 4th streets. The two-story library is proposed as a public/private partnership with both a building and land lease whose terms are subject to negotiation. The Library Joint Powers Authority will be responsible for operations and maintenance.

The site is within walking distance of two nearby schools and is very close to other downtown public facilities such as the Community and Cultural Center, Gavilan College, and the Grange. The site would be in a downtown environment near shopping and restaurants.



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## Your Opinion Matters

I believe the new library should be located:

- ☐ at the Civic Center Site behind City Hall
- ☐ at the Downtown Site between 3rd and 4th Streets
- ☐ in either location as long as the community gets a new facility

or

- ☐ I am not in favor of building a new library

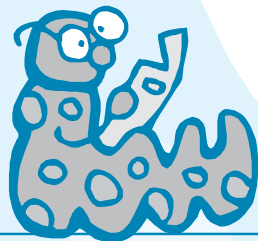
Please return by May 21st!!!! to

Library Decisions

City of Morgan Hill

17555 Peak Ave.

Morgan Hill, CA 95037



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## Public Input on The New Library

The Morgan Hill City Council is planning to make the final decisions on the selection of the new Library site and financial arrangements in June.

The Council wants public input to help make their decisions on the Library and this insert was designed to present you with the information that we currently have on the two alternatives. Included adjacent is a feedback form for you to use to provide your input on which site you prefer

This is not a scientific survey that will statistically establish a community preference. Instead, this questionnaire merely enables those interested in the Library to express their opinion. We think this approach provides a better sense of the community that is most impacted by the decision.

Your feedback in this survey is only one element of consideration in the Council's decision, the final cost figures, the identification of all the funding sources, and final contractual arrangements are very significant additional factors that the Council will need to consider in making a final decision.

These designs are also on display at the Library and the Community Center, with feedback forms available. We are asking for your feedback by May 21st.

The Library Commission will be updated at their May 10 and June 7 meetings with additional information on the sites and financial arrangements. These meetings are at 7:15 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The City Council will be meeting in June with a target of June 23rd for making the final decision.



# Summer Recreation Guide Coming In May Mail

**Don't throw it away . . . there are some great classes for you and your children.**

**NEW THIS** summer is the Cool Kids Summer Day Camp. Each week will be filled with fun and excitement headed by the coolest recreation leaders in town. Campers will enjoy swimming, splishing, and splashing at the new Aquatics Center on Mondays and Wednesdays; frolicking and playing at the Community and Cultural Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays; with a special field trip each Friday. We'll be headed to exciting destinations like the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Happy Hollow, and the Children's Discovery Museum. In addition to all this fun, campers can make arts and crafts, engaging in nature studies, play music and sing, and have fun learning Spanish!

## COOL KIDS PROGRAMS

Cool Kids Hours: 9 am - 4 pm

(Extended Care is available for no extra charge from 7:30 am until 9 am and from 4 pm until 6 pm.)

Cool Kids runs from June 21st - August 13th  
and is for children between the ages of 5 and 12

Cool Kids fees are \$180 per week  
for City of Morgan Hill residents and \$187 for nonresidents

Hurry, preregistration is required one week prior to the start week of your choosing. On-line registration will be back effective May 1, 2004. Just go to [www.active.com/browse/morganhill](http://www.active.com/browse/morganhill). There will be a convenience fee charged for this service.

Manual registration is still possible at the Morgan Hill Community Center with a \$3 registration processing fee accessed.

To see a complete listing of classes with dates and times, go to the City website at [www.morgan-hill.ca.gov](http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov). You may also obtain a current recreation guide at the Community Center located at 17000 Monterey Road or by calling 782-0008.

**WANT SOME MORE WATER FUN?  
THE CHILDREN'S WATER FEATURE AT THE  
COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER IS  
COOLING CHILDREN OFF DURING THESE WARM  
SPRING DAYS. THE WATER FEATURE IS OPERA-  
TIONAL DAILY FROM 12AM-5PM.**

## 5th Annual Art ala Carte Event Scheduled for May 15, at the Community & Cultural Center

**THE 5TH** annual Art ala Carte will be held on Saturday May 15th at the Community and Cultural Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Art ala Carte is a fun and interactive day of art projects for children from infants to 10 years old. This year's theme, "Art Around the World" will feature art projects from countries and cultures around the globe. There will be over 15 art stations with different art projects for children to explore. Examples of the fun and colorful projects children will make include a multicultural world mask, Japanese uchiwa mask, and Hawaiian paper leis. The Morgan Hill Police Department will hold its Children's Safety Fair and Bike Rodeo at the event. Children will also be able to explore the Fire Safety Smokehouse sponsored by the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

Art ala Carte is free to the public and this year's major sponsors are the City of Morgan Hill, First5 of Santa Clara County and the Morgan Hill Police Department. A free hotdog lunch will be served. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Preregistration and tickets will be available at the Community and Cultural Center will beginning May 1st. So mark you calendar and come on down and join the fun on May 15th. For more information please call 782-0008.

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**Where is the best place to take  
swim lessons in Morgan Hill?**

*Where are the only pools in Morgan Hill specifically built for teaching swimming?*

**At the New Morgan Hill Aquatic Center  
Grand Opening - June 12th!**

**Sign up now for swim lessons - offered throughout the summer!**  
Annual passes and ten-entry day passes now available.

Passes and swim lesson sign ups are available at the  
Community and Cultural Center  
17000 Monterey Road.

Call 782-0008 for more information.

**Cool It this summer at the Aquatic Center**

# MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY GUIDE

## CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING

|   |  |             |
|---|--|-------------|
| CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS                             |  |             |
| REGULAR SESSION:                                  | 5/05   | 7PM LIVE    |
|   | 5/06   | NOON REPLAY |
|   | 5/08   | 8PM REPLAY  |
|   | 5/09   | NOON REPLAY |
| REGULAR SESSION:                                  | 5/19   | 7PM LIVE    |
|   | 5/20   | NOON REPLAY |
|   | 5/22   | 8PM REPLAY  |
|   | 5/23   | NOON REPLAY |
| REGULAR SESSION:                                  | 5/26   | 7PM LIVE    |
|   | 5/27   | NOON REPLAY |
|   | 5/29   | 8PM REPLAY  |
|   | 5/30   | NOON REPLAY |
| PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS                      |  |             |
| REGULAR SESSION:                                  | 5/11   | 7PM LIVE    |
|   | 5/12   | NOON REPLAY |
|   | 5/15   | NOON REPLAY |
|   | 5/16   | 8PM REPLAY  |
| REGULAR SESSION:                                  | 5/25   | 7PM LIVE    |
|   | 5/26   | NOON REPLAY |
|   | 5/27   | NOON REPLAY |
|   | 5/28   | 8PM REPLAY  |
| MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY SPEECH                  | 9:00AM & 4:30PM DAILY<br>7PM MONDAY & FRIDAY |             |
| THE OLD MORGAN HILL<br>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEMORIES | 10:30AM & 6:00PM DAILY<br>8:30PM FRIDAY      |             |
| FUGITIVE WATCH<br>THE BAY AREA'S MOST WANTED      | 11:30AM & 7:00PM DAILY<br>9:30PM FRIDAY      |             |

## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

### CINCO DE MAYO • MAY 5TH

City offices open. Regular garbage and recycling service.

### MOTHER'S DAY • MAY 9TH

### COMPOSTING WORKSHOP • MAY 12TH

Attendees of Morgan Hill Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, from 7PM-9PM at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 918-4640.

### OPEN STUDIOS EXHIBITION • THROUGH MAY 8TH

Come see a variety of artwork from over a dozen of the South Valley's top artists at the Community and Cultural Center. This is an opportunity to connect directly with many local artists in one location. It is an especially wonderful opportunity to introduce children to the world of visual expression and parents are encouraged to bring the entire family.

### LUCILLE HOUSTON ART EXHIBITION • MAY 21ST

The works of Lucille Houston, Pulitzer Award-winning photographer and photojournalist for the San Jose Mercury News, will be presented as a retrospective memorial to her life and art, as well as to raise awareness of domestic violence within our society. Exhibition runs May 21 through July 18. Reception & Speakers on Friday, May 21, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

### CITY BEAUTIFICATION DAY • MAY 15TH

Join us at 8:00AM at City Hall located at 17555 Peak Avenue. To learn more, contact the Environmental Programs Division at 779-7247.

### MEMORIAL DAY • MAY 31ST

City offices closed. Regular garbage and recycling service.

## CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Mayor <b>Dennis Kennedy</b>           | 779-7259 |
| Mayor Pro Tempore <b>Greg Sellers</b> | 778-2370 |
| Councilmember <b>Larry Carr</b>       | 779-9622 |
| Councilmember <b>Hedy L. Chang</b>    | 778-0511 |
| Councilmember <b>Steve Tate</b>       | 779-6992 |
| City Clerk <b>Irma Torrez</b>         | 779-7259 |
| City Treasurer <b>Michael Roorda</b>  | 778-3653 |

## CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF

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| City Manager <b>J. Edward Tewes</b>                              |
| City Attorney <b>Helene L. Leichter</b>                          |
| Assistant To The City Manager <b>Melissa Stevenson Dile</b>      |
| Assistant To The City Manager <b>Anthony Eulo</b>                |
| Business Assistance/Housing Services Director <b>Garrett Toy</b> |
| Community Development Director <b>David Bischoff</b>             |
| Council Services and Records Manager <b>Irma Torrez</b>          |
| Finance Director <b>Jack Dilles</b>                              |
| Human Resources Director <b>Mary Kaye Fisher</b>                 |
| Interim Police Chief <b>Bruce Cumming</b>                        |
| Public Works Director <b>Jim Ashcraft</b>                        |
| Recreation and Community Services Manager <b>Julie Spier</b>     |

## CONTACTING YOUR CITY

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8AM to 5PM

Address: 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

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| Animal Control                           | 776-7300 |
| Building Inspection                      | 779-7241 |
| Business Assist. & Housing Services      | 776-7373 |
| City Clerk                               | 779-7259 |
| City Manager                             | 779-7271 |
| Community & Cultural Center              | 782-0008 |
| Emergency Services/Disaster Preparedness | 776-7310 |
| Environmental Programs                   | 779-7247 |
| Finance                                  | 779-7237 |
| Fire Department (County Fire)            | 378-4010 |
| Job Hotline                              | 779-7276 |
| Planning: Land Use / Zoning              | 779-7247 |
| Police Administration                    | 776-7315 |
| Public Works                             | 776-7337 |
| Recreation & Community Services          | 782-0008 |
| Water                                    | 779-7221 |
| Volunteer Programs                       | 779-7278 |
| City Hall Fax Number                     | 779-3117 |

City Website: <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov>

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